



## 39 CFR Part 20

### International Competitive Services Product and Price Changes

**AGENCY:** Postal Service™.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service is revising *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, International Mail Manual (IMM®), to reflect the prices, product features, and classification changes to Competitive Services and other minor changes, as established by the Governors of the Postal Service.

**DATES:** *Effective* January 22, 2023.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** New prices are posted under Docket Number CP2023-42 on the Postal Regulatory Commission's website at <http://www.prc.gov>.

For Priority Mail International items destined to Canada, the Postal Service is collapsing price groups 1.1 through 1.8 (which are based on origin ZIP Code) into a single country group. In addition, the Postal Service is eliminating the related fee for the International Service Center (ISC) Official Zone Chart for Priority Mail International pieces destined to Canada.

Also, to conform to requested country nomenclature, the Postal Service is changing the official name of Turkey to the Republic of Türkiye, with Türkiye as the short name, in related sections of the IMM.

This final rule describes the international price and classification changes and the corresponding mailing standards changes for the following Competitive Services:

- Global Express Guaranteed®.
- Priority Mail Express International®.
- Priority Mail International® (PMI).
- First-Class Package International Service.
- International Priority Airmail®.
- International Surface Air Lift®.
- Direct Sacks of Printed Matter to One Addressee (Airmail M-bag®).
- The following competitive international extra services and fees:
  - International Insurance.
  - Certificate of Mailing.
  - International Registered Mail.
  - International Return Receipt.
  - Customs Clearance and Delivery Fee.

For pricing, see the Postal Explorer website at <https://pe.usps.com>.

### **Global Express Guaranteed**

Global Express Guaranteed (GXG) service provides fast international shipping, with international transportation and delivery provided through an alliance with FedEx Express®. The price increase for GXG service averages 4.9 percent.

The Postal Service provides Commercial Base® pricing to online customers who prepare and pay for GXG shipments via USPS-approved payment methods (other than Click-N-Ship® service), with a discount below the published retail prices for GXG service. Customers who prepare GXG shipments via Click-N-Ship service will continue to pay retail prices. Commercial Plus® prices are set to match the Commercial Base prices.

### **Priority Mail Express International**

Priority Mail Express International (PMEI) service provides fast service to approximately 180 countries in 3–5 business days for many major markets, although the actual number of days may vary based upon origin, destination, and customs delays. PMEI with Money-Back Guarantee service is available for certain destinations. (Due to COVID-19 service impacts, PMEI with Money-Back Guarantee service has been suspended for several destinations until further notice. For more information, see the USPS Service Updates page on [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com).) The price increase for PMEI service averages 6.0 percent. The Commercial Base price provides a discount below the published retail prices for customers who prepare and pay for PMEI shipments via permit imprint, online at USPS.com®, or as registered end-users using an authorized PC Postage vendor (with the exception of Click-N-Ship service). Customers who prepare PMEI shipments via Click-N-Ship service pay retail prices. Commercial Plus will be equivalent to Commercial Base; however, deeper discounting may still be available to customers through negotiated service agreements.

The Postal Service will continue to include PMEI service in customized contracts offered to customers who meet certain revenue thresholds and are willing to commit a larger amount of revenue to the USPS® for PMEI service and PMI service.

PMEI flat rate pricing continues to be available for Flat Rate Envelopes.

### **Priority Mail International**

Priority Mail International (PMI) is an economical way to send merchandise and documents to approximately 180 countries in 6–10 business days for many major markets, although the actual number of days may vary based upon origin, destination, and customs delays. The price increase for PMI service averages 6.0 percent. The Commercial Base price provides a discount

below the published retail prices for customers who prepare and pay for PMI items via permit imprint, online at USPS.com, or as registered end-users using an authorized PC Postage vendor (with the exception of Click-N-Ship).

Customers who prepare PMI shipments via Click-N-Ship pay retail prices.

Commercial Plus prices will be equivalent to Commercial Base; however, deeper discounting may still be made available to customers through negotiated service agreements.

The Postal Service will continue to include PMI service in customized contracts offered to customers who meet certain revenue thresholds and are willing to commit to a larger amount of revenue to the USPS for PMEI and PMI.

PMI flat rate pricing continues to be available for Flat Rate Envelopes, Small Flat Rate Boxes, and Medium and Large Flat Rate Boxes.

### **First-Class Package International Service**

First-Class Package International Service (FCPIS) is an economical international service for small packages not exceeding 4 pounds in weight and \$400 in value. The price increase for FCPIS averages 6.5 percent. The Commercial Base price provides a discount below the published retail prices for customers who prepare and pay for FCPIS items via permit imprint or by USPS-approved online payment methods. Customers who prepare FCPIS shipments via Click-N-Ship service pay retail prices. Commercial Plus prices will be equivalent to Commercial Base; however, deeper discounting will be made available to customer through negotiated service agreements.

Electronic USPS Delivery Confirmation International service (E-USPS DELCON INTL®) is a tracking service available at no charge for FCPIS items to select destination countries.

### **International Priority Airmail and International Surface Air Lift**

International Priority Airmail (IPA) service, including IPA M-bags, is a commercial service designed for volume mailings of all First-Class Mail International postcards, letters, and large envelopes (flats), and for volume mailings of FCPIS packages (small packets) weighing up to a maximum of 4.4 pounds. IPA shipments are typically flown to foreign destinations (exceptions apply to Canada) and are then entered into that country's air or surface priority mail system for delivery. The price increase for IPA is 3.5 percent. International Surface Airlift (ISAL) is like IPA except that once flown to the foreign destination, ISAL is entered into that country's air or surface nonpriority mail system for delivery. The price increase for ISAL is 12.0 percent.

#### **Direct Sacks of Printed Matter to One Addressee (Airmail M-bags)**

An Airmail M-bag is a direct sack of printed matter sent to a single foreign addressee at a single address. Prices are based on the weight of the sack. The price increase for Airmail M-bag service averages 6.4 percent.

#### **International Extra Services and Fees**

Depending on country destination and mail type, customers may add a variety of extra services to their outbound shipments and pay a variety of fees. The Postal Service proposes to increase fees for certain competitive international extra services as follows:

- **GXG insurance:** There is no charge for GXG insurance for coverage up to \$100. The fee for GXG insurance will increase to \$2.45 for each additional \$100 or fraction over \$100, up to a maximum indemnity of \$2,499 per shipment (the maximum indemnity varies by country).

<b>GXG Insurance</b>	<b>Fee</b>
\$100	\$0.00
Each additional \$100 or fraction over \$100	2.45
Maximum insurance \$2,499 (varies by country)	

- **PMEI and PMI merchandise insurance:** There is no charge for PMEI and PMI merchandise insurance coverage up to \$200. The fee for PMEI and PMI merchandise insurance will increase and will increase to \$3.40 for each additional \$100 or fraction over \$200 as set forth in the table below, up to a maximum indemnity of \$5,000 (the maximum indemnity varies by country).

<b>Indemnity Limit Not Over</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Up to \$200	\$0.00
\$200.01 - \$300.00	12.75
\$300.01 - \$400.00	16.15
\$400.01 - \$500.00	19.55
\$500.01 - \$600.00	22.95
\$600.01 - \$700.00	26.35
\$700.01 - \$800.00	29.75
\$800.01 - \$900.00	33.15
\$33.15 plus \$3.40 per \$100 or fraction thereof over \$900 in declared value. Maximum insurance \$5,000 (varies by country)	

- **Certificate of mailing service:** Prices for competitive international certificate of mailing service will be as follows:

<b>Certificate of Mailing</b>	
<b>Individual pieces</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Individual article (PS Form 3817)	\$1.85
Duplicate copy of PS Form 3817 or PS Form 3665 (per page)	1.85
Firm mailing sheet (PS Form 3665), per piece (minimum 3) All other qualifying classes of mail	0.57
<b>Bulk quantities</b>	
For first 1,000 pieces (or fraction thereof)	\$10.40
Each additional 1,000 pieces (or fraction thereof)	1.35
Duplicate copy of PS Form 3606	1.85

- **International Registered Mail service:** The fee for competitive international registered mail will increase to \$19.05.
- **International return receipt service:** The fee for competitive international return receipt service will increase to \$5.30.

- Customs clearance and delivery fee: The competitive customs clearance and delivery fee per dutiable item will increase to \$7.85.
- Pickup on Demand: The fee for pickup on demand will increase to \$26.50.

We will publish an appropriate amendment to 39 CFR part 20 to reflect these changes.

The Postal Service hereby adopts the following changes to *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, International Mail Manual (IMM), which is incorporated by reference in the *Code of Federal Regulations*. See 39 CFR 20.1.

### **List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 20**

Foreign relations, International postal services.

Accordingly, 39 CFR part 20 is amended as follows:

### **PART 20 — [AMENDED]**

1. The authority citation for 39 CFR part 20 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 13 U.S.C. 301-307; 18 U.S.C. 1692-1737; 39 U.S.C. 101, 401, 403, 404, 407, 414, 416, 3001-3011, 3201-3219, 3403-3406, 3621, 3622, 3626, 3632, 3633, and 5001.

2. Revise the following sections of the IMM as follows:

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### ***Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, International Mail Manual (IMM)**

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### **2 Conditions for Mailing**

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### **210 Global Express Guaranteed**

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## 213 Prices and Postage Payment Methods

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### 213.5 Destinating Countries and Price Groups

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Exhibit 213.5

#### Destinating Countries and Price Groups

*[Revise the entry for Turkey to read as follows (reflecting the new country name):]*

Country Name	GXG Price Group
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Turkiye, Republic of	6
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## 233 Prices and Postage Payment Methods

### 233.1 Prices

#### 233.11 Availability and Price Application — General

*[Revise the text in its entirety to read follows:]*

Except under 233.14 and 233.15, Priority Mail International shipments are charged postage for each addressed piece according to its weight and Price Group. See the Individual Country Listings for countries that offer Priority Mail International service.

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## 250 First-Class Package International Service



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## **252 Eligibility**

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### **252.22 Availability**

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Exhibit 252.22

## **Countries Accepting Electronic USPS Delivery Confirmation International Service (E-USPS DELCON INTL)**

*[Revise the entry for Turkey to read as follows (reflecting the new country name).:]*

Turkiye, Republic of

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## **Extra Services**

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### **320 Insurance**

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## **322 Priority Mail Express International Insurance**

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### **322.2 Availability**

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Exhibit 322.2

## **Priority Mail Express International and Priority Mail International Merchandise Insurance Limits (in U.S. Dollars)**

*[Revise the entry for Turkey to read as follows (reflecting the new country name).:]*

Country	PMEI	PMI
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Turkiye, Republic of	5,000	952
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## Index of Countries and Localities

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*[Revise the entry for Turkey to read as follows (reflecting the new country name):]*

Turkiye, Republic of

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## Country Price Groups and Weight Limits

*[Revise the entry for Turkey to read as follows (reflecting the new country name):]*

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Country	Global Express Guaranteed		Priority Mail Express International			Priority Mail International			First-Class Mail International and First-Class Package International Service	
	Price Group	Max. Wt. (lbs.)	Price Group	Max. Wt. (lbs.)	PMEI Flat Rate Envelopes Price Group <sup>1</sup>	Price Group	Max. Wt. (lbs.)	PMI Flat Rate Envelopes and Boxes Price Group <sup>2</sup>	FCMI Price Group <sup>3</sup>	FCPIS Price Group <sup>4</sup>
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Turkiye, Republic of	6	70	4	66	8	4	66	8	4	3
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## Individual Country Listings

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*[Revise the country name “Turkey” to read as follows (reflecting the new country name):]*

Turkiye, Republic of

## Country Conditions for Mailing

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## Restrictions

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*[Revise the entry “Food supplements” to read as follows (reflecting the new country name):]*

Food supplements and foods for athletes may be sent to Türkiye only when a medical report, prescription, or national sportsperson’s certificate is enclosed with the item by the addressee.

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## Observations

*[Revise the second entry to read as follows (reflecting the new country name):]*

2. Each commercial shipment for Türkiye must have enclosed a combined certificate of origin and consular invoice, which must be certified by a chamber of commerce or other trade organization or by a notary public, and be legalized by a Turkish consul.

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## Priority Mail Express International

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## Customs Forms Required

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**Notes:**

*[Revise the second entry to read as follows (reflecting the new country name):]*

2. Coins; banknotes; currency notes, including paper money; securities of any kind payable to bearer; traveler's checks; platinum, gold, and silver; precious stones; jewelry; watches; and other valuable articles are prohibited in Priority Mail Express International shipments to Turkiye.

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